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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE

June 3, 2003

On Friday, May 30, 2003 at approximately 9:45 PM, Denzel Markeyse Martin-Sanders, who was only 3 years old, was riding his bicycle in the front yard on West Bennett Street when gunfire erupted. Two suspects exited the vehicle and started firing handguns indiscriminately into the crowd, striking five victims. When the shooting stopped Denzel was laying dead beneath his bike.

Denzel Markeyse Martin-Sanders was the joy of the neighborhood, known for hopping his bike as if it were a low-rider. It was through a car club named "Just Dip'n" that blacks and Latinos on West Bennett Street forged friendships that residents said made for a close-knit neighborhood. Denzel was their mascot, and the mailman that was fond of him gave him the nickname of "Munchie."

Tracy Martin, Denzel's mother, was hit four times. Her nephew, Matthew, was wounded, along with two other victims, who are recovering at the hospital.

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The vehicle, a Black Cherokee Jeep, was last seen traveling westbound on West Bennett Street. The Sheriff's Homicide Department is seeking information and would like the public to come forward with any information, which may aid in obtaining justice for Denzel and his family.

**THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** offer a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in return for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Denzel Markeyse Martin-Sanders.

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